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In re the Application of:

Marc Mounir Rahme

Serial No.: 09/588,866

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For: THE USE OF AUTONOMIC
NERVOUS SYSTEM
NEUROTRANSMITTERS
INHIBITION AND ATRIAL
PARASYMPATHETIC FIBERS
ABLATION FOR THE TREATMENT
OF ATRIAL ARRHYTHMIAS AND
TO PRESERVE DRUG EFFECTS

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY OR AGENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We respectfully request permission to withdraw as attorney or agent of record for the above-identified application. The reasons for this request are as follows:

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1. This request for withdrawal is hereby submitted on behalf of all registered practitioners identified by Customer No. 22249 in the power of attorney filed on June 6, 2000.
2. The undersigned is authorized to sign on behalf of all other attorneys of record.
3. The present mailing address of the attorney(s) requesting to withdraw is:

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4. Applicant has advised the law firm employing the registered practitioners of record that he cannot afford to pay the fees incurred by Lyon & Lyon LLP.
5. Applicant obtained copies of his file from Lyon & Lyon LLP and signed an Acknowledgment and Release on December 28, 2001 acknowledging that Applicant releases this law firm from any further representation effective December 28, 2001. A copy of this Acknowledgment and Release is attached as Exhibit A.
6. This request is timely because this application's non-extendable deadline of April 17, 2002 is due to expire beyond the next thirty days.

Please change the correspondence address for this application and direct all future correspondence to:

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This request is enclosed in triplicate.

It is not believed that any fees are due in connection with this request. If, however, any fee is due, please charge the appropriate amount to Deposit Account 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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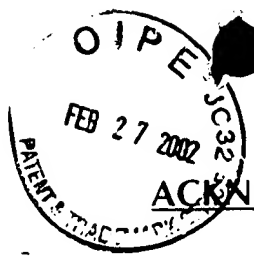
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MARC MOUNIR RAHME acknowledges and releases Lyon & Lyon LLP and all of its attorneys as stated herein.

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